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FROM US LOSDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS: INDIAN POSITION

1. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WAS INFORMED BY A SENIOR WESTERN EUROPEAN OFFICIAL ATTENDING CURRENT LOS CONSULTATIONS GENEVA THAT SOURCE HAD LEARNED THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO COOPERATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARALLEL SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION OF THE DEEP SEABED. UNDER PARALLEL SYSTEM BOTH STATES (AND THEIR NATIONALS) AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY HAVE RIGHT TO EXPLOIT. SOURCE COMMENTED TO AMB. RICHARDSON THAT HE HAD THEREFORE BEEN SURPRISED WHEN INDIAN LOS DELEGATION CHIEF JAGOTA HAD TAKEN A HARD LINE IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT AT EVENSEN MEETING. (JAGOTA IN EFFECT PROPOSED PHASING OUT RIGHT OF STATES TO EXPLOIT). SOURCE NOTED THAT JAGOTA HAD TAKEN MODERATE, GENERALIZED LINE AT
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RECENTLY CONCLUDED ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN BAGHDAD WITH SOURCE UNDERSTOOD WAS BECAUSE JAGOTA WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AT THAT TIME FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO DO SO.

2. AS EMB KNOWS, INDIA HAS TAKEN HARDLINE AGAINST PARALLEL SYSTEM IN THE PAST, AND JAGOTA'S STANCE AT

CURRENT LOS CONSULTATIONS IS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH THAT PREVIOUS POSITION. REPORT OF AMB. RICHARDSON'S SOURCE ABOUT CHANGED STANCE OF GOI IS THEREFORE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. CAN EMB SHED ANY LIGHT ON POSSIBLE CHANGE OF INDIAN POSITION? US LOSDEL APPRECIATES AWKWARDNESS MAKING ANY DIRECT INQUIRY TO GOI. SUBJECT TO ANY GUIDANCE DEPT MAY HAVE, HOWEVER, CHARGE MIGHT WISH, IN COURSE OF AN ALREADY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER OR SENIOR GOI OFFICIAL LIKELY TO BE CONVERSANT WITH LOS MATTERS, TO PROBE LIGHTLY ON GENERAL MATTER OF LOS MATTER OF INDIA'S STANCE ON SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEABED. CATTO

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